

Remarks

The present response is to the Office Action mailed the above-referenced case on January 12, 2006. Claims 1-40 are standing for examination. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13, 16-27 and 34-39 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchida (US 6,751,734) hereinafter Uchida. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchida in view of Yamaoka, of record. Claims 28-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchida in view of Takeda of record. Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchida as applied to claim 39, and further in view of Yamaoka.

In response to the rejections and the Examiner's rationale, although the rejections do not rise to the standard of a prima facie rejection in view of the un-amended claims, the applicant has herein cancelled all of the standing claims and has submitted new claim 41 through 57, which more clearly recite that which the inventor believes to be patentable. There are two independent claims in the new claim set, claims 41 and 50. The teachings of primary reference Uchida, which is drawn to a fingerprint reader, do not read on the new claims. Independent claims 41 and 50 are therefore patentable to the inventor over the art cited and applied, and the depended claims 42-49 and 51-57 are patentable at least as depended from a patentable claim.

Claims 41 and 50 recite a security system that is embedded in an optical disk, specifically in a region not used for storing data, and the system includes apparatus enabled for reading a code modulated in light, and an action of associating the received code with a stored code, and transmitting the stored code in sound. The reference Uchida simply does not read on these or teach these limitations.

As all of the new claims are demonstrated to be patentable over the art of record,

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applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, and that the present case be passed quickly to issue. If there are any time extensions needed beyond any extension specifically requested with this response, such extension of time is hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with this amendment, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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